

MINUTES
Florida Substance Abuse and Mental Health Corporation
Ad Hoc Committee on Elders and Adults
February 16, 2005
1317 Winewood Blvd
Building 6, Conference Room A
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Committee Members

Rocky Rodriguez, Chair; Joseph George

Participants

Drucilla Carpenter, the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA); Christine Cauffield, Coastal Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.; Neal McGarry, Florida Certification Board, Inc; Sharleta Hadley, Advocacy Center; Deanna Hamilton, OPPAGA; Michelle Hollister, Statewide Public Guardianship Office; Linda Riddle, Department of Children and Families (DCF); Ken McLeod, Department of Elderly Affairs (DOEA); Roy Etheridge, Florida Mental Health Institute (FMHI)/Liason to DCF; Kathy Goltry, DCF; Larry Dupree, FMHI; Stephan Ferrante, Broward County Elderly and Veterans Services Division; Doug Adkins, Dayspring Village; Cynthia Holland, DCF; Anne Barest, DCF

Staff

Ellen Piekalkiewicz, Executive Director; Amanda Sanford, Policy Assistant

1. Call to Order

Mr. Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 9:45a.m. Mr. Rodriguez referenced a presentation given by Dr. Larry Dupree (Florida Optimal Mental Health and Aging Coalition) stating how Florida's elderly are an under served population in relation to appropriate levels of substance abuse and mental health treatment services.

2. Discussion

The Committee discussed best practices of serving the elderly in the community and how Florida can effectively improve the system. Mr. Ferrante briefed the Committee on the Florida Bright Project. The Committee and participants discussed current legislation going through the Legislature.

3. Guardianship

Michelle Hollister, Guardianship Office

Ms. Hollister briefed the Committee on guardianship services in the state of Florida. Ms. Hollister noted that the Statewide Public Guardianship Office (SPGO) officially began operating in May of 2000. Ms. Hollister also stated that the first executive Director was Senator John Grant and that the Office was located out of Tampa. In 2003 SPGO became a program within the Department of Elder Affairs located in Tallahassee. Ms. Hollister informed the Committee about registration and education of the States Professional Guardians. Ms. Hollister informed the Committee about the Guardianship Taskforce and what they have accomplished. Ms. Hollister discussed the need for public Guardianship in the State of Florida. Ms. Hollister discussed the Public Guardianship's problems with funding.

4. DCF's Strategic Plan for Supportive Housing for Persons with Mental Illness

Cynthia Holland, Adult Mental Health Office, DCF

Ms. Holland presented the following:

- The Mental Health Program's Mission
- Values
- Recovery
- What Hinders/Helps Promote the Shift to a Recovery Focus
- Evidence/Best Practices
- Supportive Housing

- Success/Accomplishments to Date
- Supportive Housing Philosophy and Dimensions
- Partnerships
- Strategic Plan's, Purpose and Goals

5. Adjournment

Mr. George moved to adjourn. Mr. Rodriguez seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 1:45pm

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